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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN PLANE CRASH IN ZAMBIA

REF: LUSAKA 2132

1. THE TWO SURVIVING OCCUPANTS OF SOUTH AFRICAN AIRCRAFT THAT CRASHED IN ZAMBIA OCTOBER 9 (REFTEL) HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO WINDHOEK, WHERE FLIGHT ORIGINATED. DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) OFFICIAL HAS TOLD EMBASSY THAT PILOT, D.G. STEYN, AND PASSENGER, PIET LOUW, ARRIVED AT SESHEKE FROM MONGU NIGHT OF OCTOBER 15 AND WERE FERRIED ACROSS RIVER TO KATIMA MULILO SAME NIGHT. NEXT DAY THEY WERE FLOWN TO WINDHOEK. BODY OF PASSENGER WHO WAS KILLED, FRANS LOTTER, HAD BEEN RETURNED EARLIER.

2. DFA OFFICIAL CONFIRMED THAT LOUW, BANTU INVESTMENT CORPORATION (BIC) EMPLOYEE, HAD ISSUED STATEMENT IN WINDHOEK THANKING ZAMBIANS FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE. CAPE TIMES REPORTED TODAY THAT LOUW PRAISED ZAMBIAN POLICE FOR THEIR "INCREDIBLE EFFICIENCY AND DECENCY." HE SAID, "ONE COULD NOT HAVE

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ASKED FOR BETTER TREATMENT. I REALLY MADE SOME GOOD FRIENDS

OVER THERE AND I SHALL BE WRITING TO THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT
TO THANK THEM FOR ALL THEY DID."

3. DFA SOURCE SAID, IN CONFIDENCE, THAT THE TWO MEN WERE
NOT INTERROGATED. HE ADDED THAT SAG INTENDED TO CONVEY
OFFICIALLY ITS GRATITUDE TO ZAMBIANS ONCE DFA HAD TEXT OF
LOUW'S STATEMENT. HURD

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